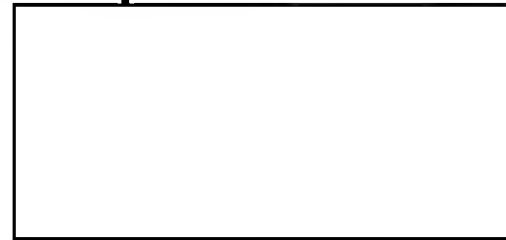


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SOMALIA: Mogadiscio may have added at least two more IL-28 light jet bombers to the four it acquired from the USSR last December. Six of the aircraft were observed [redacted] recently at Mogadiscio military airfield.

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The additional bombers will increase concern in Ethiopia, Somalia's traditional enemy. Addis Ababa has been increasingly uneasy over Somalia's military intentions, continuing deliveries of Soviet military equipment, and reasserted claims by Mogadiscio to Somali-inhabited parts of Ethiopia. Although neither side appears anxious for an armed conflict, tensions along the ill-defined border have increased recently following a mutual troop buildup in the area and a few incidents.

The Ethiopians are likely to use the deliveries to dramatize requests for additional US military aid during Emperor Haile Selassie's visit to Washington this month. [redacted]

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Peru: The general strike that began Monday in the southern coastal provinces has prompted the government to suspend constitutional guarantees in the area, which includes Arequipa, the country's second largest city. []

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Cambodia: Prince Sihanouk arrived in Dakar, Senegal on 9 May, the first stop of an African tour; later in the month he will visit Albania, Romania, and Yugoslavia. []

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Laos: Second-ranked Lao Communist leader Nouhak Phoumsavan and his delegation are now in Moscow, presumably to discuss future Soviet aid and political prospects for Laos. []

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